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### SAFETY FIRST.

Mexico's new President is to go ahead to study until the time comes to take office. Inspired perhaps by the double-motive of a desire to learn and recognition of the fact that the present holder of the office is in control of the Mexican army until inauguration day.

### REVIVING THE CREED.

Hindenburg has been telling his subjects that duty comes before right. The doctrine is not new and will not excite surprise as coming from that quarter. It is the central tenet of the "kultur" code. So believed and acted the man who sank the Lusitania, and the men who torpedoed hospital ships, bombed civilian centres, and committed the assorted atrocities which made Hindenburg the German war dictatorate hated and despised by decent people all over the world. They were ordered to do it, and did it. The criminality of the crime bothered them less than the severity of retribution.

### NATURE WILL NOT DO IT.

Not many weeks ago one would have thought that forest fires were about the last things that human needed to worry about. With every halcyon fall of water and the earth soaked as it has not been in spring time for many years, the prospect was for a summer when fires would cut little or no margin off the gross value of our forest lands.

But already the fire rangers are sounding warnings that in the timber tracts the conditions for devastating conflagrations are almost ideal. The moral is that nature leaves it to us to protect the forests against fire—or other enemies. That will have to be done by human brains and brawn. The job will cost money but we cannot afford not to spend it. A thorough-going forest conservation scheme is one thing the province—and the Dominion—must have.

### THE COST OF LIVING.

According to the Labor Department the cost of supplying a family with staple goods is down to \$10.56 per week, against \$10.75 in March. Making allowance for the hot weather demand for ice cream sends the old eighteen cents saved on paper is not confirmed by the larger contents of the family pail.

Comparison of the index numbers shows that the cost of living is now about 56.5 per cent higher than it was in April of 1913. The experience of the past year has not been so good. At \$1.26 cents as he used to get for \$1.00 suggests that if the calculations have erred it is in the direction of minimizing the spread.

Inflation was formerly supposed to be a process of price subsistence that would bring the cost of living down to approximately what it was before the war. That is, of course, if the war has exploded that hope, and is familiarizing the world with the fact that the cost of the war plus the costs of wage boosts which came in war time have to be paid for through the increased cost of living.

### A CASH GRANT VERSUS MORE TAXES.

Premier Dunning says he would rather have a cash grant every year of \$200,000 from the Dominion treasury than surrender the grant and take over the duty of administering natural resources out of what the Dominion is not able to extend the cost of management.

Saskatchewan at present draws \$700,000 per year from the Dominion in lieu of having control of its unalienated and other resources. The annual grant will go up to \$1,800,000 per year as population increases. To forgo the grant and take the resources would be surrendering this certain and fixed income for the privilege of levying additional taxes upon the people of Saskatchewan sufficient to bring in a corresponding sum per year, plus whatever should be lost in administering the resources.

The Saskatchewan Government was formerly associated with the Alberta Government in trying to get control of the resources. It was then, evidently told Premier Dunning that it was time to withdraw from the pursuit of that delusive dream when he discovered it meant surrendering a cash grant of \$700,000 per year for the privilege of seeking the taxpayers of Saskatchewan for the like amount.

### BORROWING CADETS FROM CALGARY.

The Edmonton public school board having decided that it would impair the peace of the world if the school caets were allowed to take part in the naval and military tournament, the detachment of cadets from Calgary are coming up to show the people of the city what cadet training really amounts to and how much it is likely to engender the spirit of conquest in the youth of the land.

The anxiety of the local school board to preserve world peace is entirely understandable. The notion that the cause of international harmony will be imperilled if the boys were allowed to show themselves in khaki at the arena is a misapprehension. It is certainly an odd situation when the city which sent more men to the front than any other city of its size in Canada has to borrow a cadet corps in order to escape the situation when the kind of drill their boys are learning in school and how that drill fits or does not fit in with military manoeuvres.

It is just possible that in its hostility to the cadet movement the school board does not yet more correctly represent the sentiment of Edmonton people than do its apprehensions for participation in the military tournament might inspire Edmonton school boys with a desire to wage predatory war upon the only country a Canadian army could invade.

### FROM KAISERISM TO HOME RULE.

German South-West Africa, as it used to be called, is being given a new form of government. That territory fell to the lot of South Africa at the close of the war, having been conquered by the forces of the Union, and is administered under a mandate. A measure of local self-government is now to be established, corresponding in some respects to the system of the Netherlands in the Territories before the creation of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. A minority in both the administrative and the law-making branches will be appointed by the Government of the Union, the majority in either case being elected by the residents of the territory. While the German South-West Africa is not a province, central authority, the local administration and assembly will be given charge of affairs of distinctly local importance. The liberal tenor of the arrangement may be inferred from the fact that the German language is to be recognized alike in the assembly as in the courts of law.

To those South-West Africans who are not hopelessly swayed by racial prejudice the occasion must appear as a striking proof that they have passed under a different kind of authority than formerly held their destinies in hand. It is a safe surmise that had the territory remained under German rule its people would have been given no such generous measure of self-government at this time. If ever the country was a German "colony" under the former regime, there was nothing to suggest an intention that it would remain anything like that. And it is a certainty that had South Africa passed under the sway of the Kaiser the English language would not have been given standing in its local legislative body, if such were allowed it, and the Government of the German West Africans are now being treated by their British-Bloer conquerors, as the Boers were treated by the British. If the results are not as satisfactory to all concerned it will be their own fault.

## Twenty Years Ago

From the Files of the Daily Bulletin, May 20, 1905.

The weather: Maximum 74; minimum 44.

Last night's train had six coaches. Immigrants are coming in to great numbers these days.

Calgary is to have a new five story stone hotel.

McLoughlin and Second were given permission by the council last evening's sitting to remove their old store building and to build a new one in its place. The new building should be made to the order of the city and will be 20 feet in width and three stories in height and will greatly increase the capacity of this large store.

Dr. McKay and J. A. Powell will each build large store blocks on the north side of Jasper between Second and Third Street.

The Edmonton Trust and Mortgage Company will build a brick block on Second Street next to the Thistle saloon.

Meas. F. Fitzgerald and H. Bowen addressed the council last evening asking permission to use wood in the building at the corner of Jasper and Third Street. They laid specifications and a rough sketch of the proposed structure before the members and after short discussion the request was granted. The promoters state that the building of the theatre will be commenced at once.

Montreal: The royal mail steamer Virginia arrived at Quebec today in the second time of six days and 13 hours.

## Current Comment

**ECHOES OF THE TRAY**  
Toronto Globe: If they are going to have a clearing house for talkers, why not put Chicago?

Toronto Telegram: "Man on the Pale Horse" must have changed his means of locomotion to an auto when U.S. killed off 25 persons per week.

**COLLUSION ADMITTED**

Edmonton Bulletin: The evidence of collusion between the Conservative and Progressive organizations in this province to defeat the Government in the coming elections can no longer be denied.

When the Winnipeg Independent campaign was on last autumn the Conservative nominees in East Mountain, Mr. G. McKay, sent into Winnipeg and assisted the Progressive candidate after the Conservative leader had given the Progressives his blessing. At a meeting held in the Copeland schoolhouse, Mr. McKay stated:

"There is a working agreement between the Conservative and Progressive organizations in this province to defeat the Government, namely, as well as in other municipalities where this is deemed expedient."

The leader of the Provincial Progressive Association, Mr. Albert Turner, although denying that there was any collusion between his followers and the Conservatives, stated in Saskatoon last March that this country's fight should be avoided. This was perhaps partly a matter of fact but it looked very much like a statement of policy agreed upon by himself and the conservative leader.

### THE TRADE RETURNS

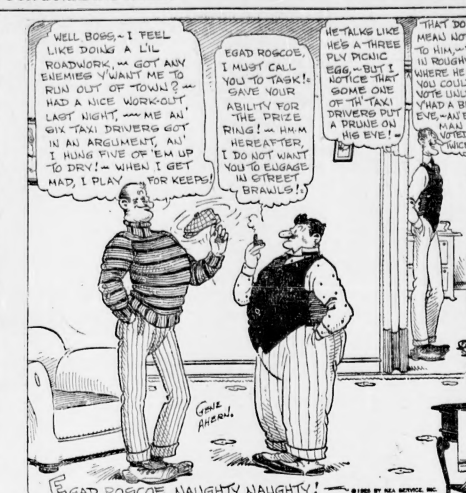
Toronto Bulletin: The balance of trade in Canada continues to grow. In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1925, the imports were \$1,241,000,000 and the exports \$1,241,000,000. The balance of trade was in favour of exports to the extent of \$1,241,000,000. In the year ending March 31, 1924, the imports were \$1,241,000,000 and the exports \$1,241,000,000. The balance of trade was in favour of exports to the extent of \$1,241,000,000.

This does not tell the whole story. In the year 1923-24 there was a decline in both imports and exports. The balance of trade was in favour of exports to the extent of \$1,241,000,000. In the year 1924-25 there was a rise in both imports and exports. The balance of trade was in favour of exports to the extent of \$1,241,000,000. The last year's report shows a decline in imports of nearly \$1,000,000,000. Exports, however, have increased by the same amount to \$1,241,000,000.

Protestants have always regarded an attack of exports on imports as an evidence of prosperity. The Conservative party, who the politicians are so fond of, the professional, and it would never do for a politician out of office to admit that the country is in a commercial straits, and it would be a safe surmise that had the territory remained under German rule its people would have been given no such generous measure of self-government at this time.

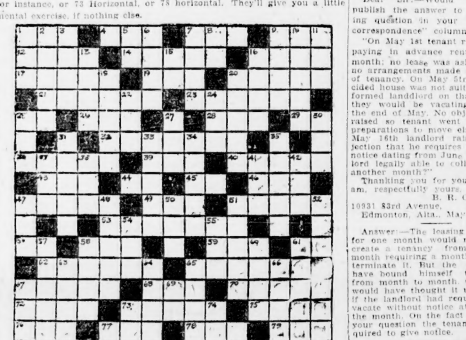
## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

—By Ahera



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across: 1. Here they are! Short words, but not so easy. Take 13 horizontal for instance, or 23 horizontal, or 75 horizontal. They'll give you a little mental exercise if nothing else.



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